



Metropolitan Planning Organization
for the Miami Urbanized Area

Transportation Voice

*The MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan
Transportation Outlook for the Metropolitan Area and Region*

Spring 2005

Transportation Plan to the Year 2030

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) updated to the year 2030 for Miami-Dade was approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Governing Board on November 18, 2004. It is a surface transportation plan that includes both short and long-range strategies, has a 20-year planning horizon, and aims to comply with state and federal statutory requirements. The LRTP considers prevailing socio-cultural trends, helps preserve the existing transportation infrastructure, and improves citizen travel choices to enhance mobility.

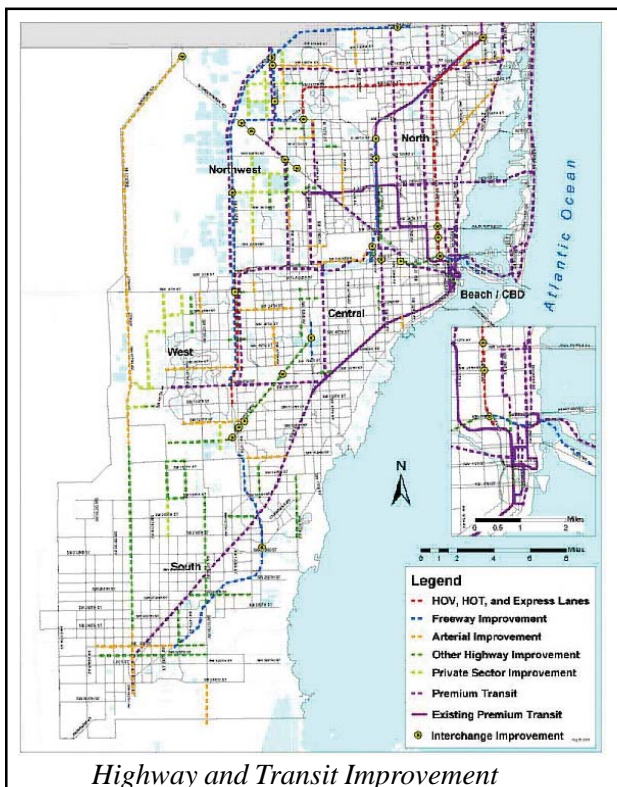
The plan includes projects for major roadways, airport and seaport surface access, transit, and intermodal facilities that function together as an

integrated transportation system. As required by law, for a local transportation project to be constructed or implemented, it must first be included in the adopted LRTP for the urban area.

Regional issues are also addressed in the 2030 LRTP along with air quality conformity of the region's transportation system in accordance with requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment.

Non-motorized facilities (on-road bicycle lanes, off-road greenways/trails and sidewalks) are included in the 2030 Plan.

Implementing the projects listed in the Plan will alleviate the increasing levels of traffic congestion expected in the future and will effectively help maintain the best possible standard of mobility in Miami-Dade County and the Southeast Florida region.



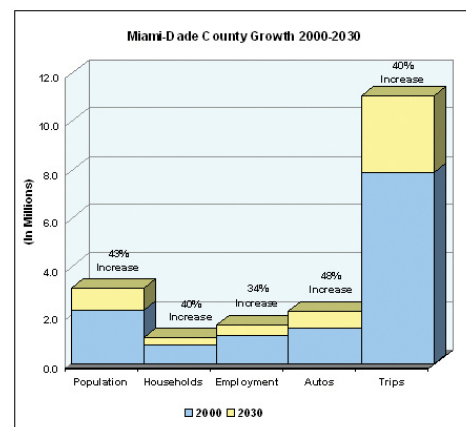
Highway and Transit Improvement

Did You Know?

Projects within the LRTP are prioritized based on relative need and funding availability as follows:

- ♦ **Priority I** – This group includes those projects needed to respond to the most pressing and current urban travel problems and are included in the approved 2005-2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*.
- ♦ **Priority II** – Projects are planned to be funded between 2010 and 2015.
- ♦ **Priority III** – Projects are planned to be funded between 2016 and 2020.
- ♦ **Priority IV** – Projects are planned to be funded between 2021 and 2030.
- ♦ **Priority IV Unfunded** – Projects that have been identified as needed. However, revenues are not available to fund these projects.

* The TIP can be viewed online at www.miamidade.gov/mpo.



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Greenways and Trails Projects

The Long Range Transportation Plan's (LRTP) Non-Motorized section includes a prioritized list of greenway and trail projects and is intended to guide project funding decisions for greenway and trail projects. Off-road projects identified as "needs" through prior planning efforts and other sources were divided into logical segments and evaluated based on their proximity to:

- ♦ rail stations and other transit hubs;
- ♦ K-12 and universities;
- ♦ higher density residential areas;
- ♦ higher density employment areas; and
- ♦ reported traffic crashes involving bicycles.



Bicyclists utilizing South Dade Trail

People's Transportation Plan Works With the LRTP

The People's Transportation Plan (PTP) came about as a result of the citizen's approved half-penny transportation surtax referendum passed by Miami-Dade voters on November 2, 2002. The surtax is a local funding source dedicated exclusively for the improvement of transportation.

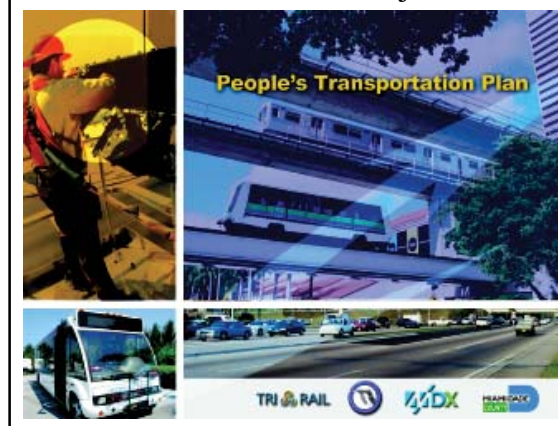
There is a very close relationship between the PTP and the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP identifies multimodal surface transportation strategies and projects for a 20-year horizon. Investments in the LRTP for transit rely heavily from estimated revenues identified in the PTP.

Under the PTP's business plan,

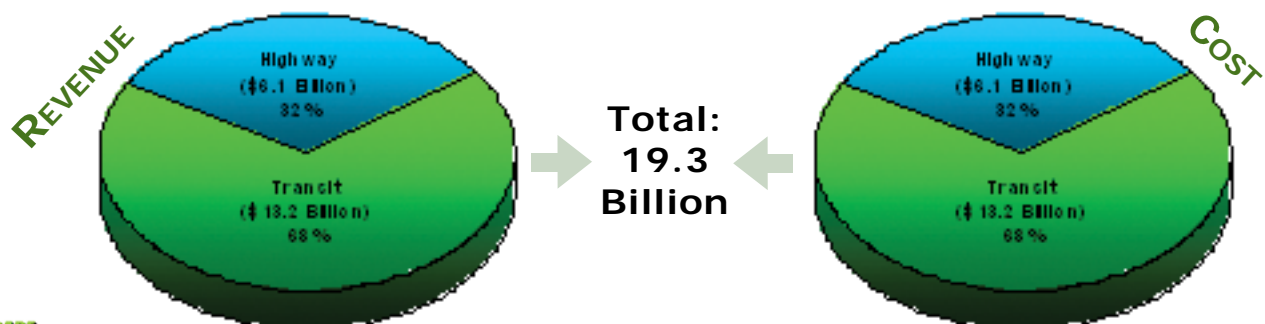
Miami-Dade County has committed to adding more buses and routes, improving service, expanding rapid transit and creating thousands of transportation and construction-related jobs over the next 25 years.

The PTP assumes development of rail corridors based on federal and state funding availability and participation in rail projects. Federal and state participation levels are assumed to be 50

and 25 percent, respectively. Revenue estimates from federal and state capital sources will fluctuate with the size of the rail program. Both plans, the PTP and the LRTP, are dynamic documents that can be periodically amended as conditions change.



Expected Revenue and Cost, 2010 – 2030 Cost Feasible Plan



Regional Networks

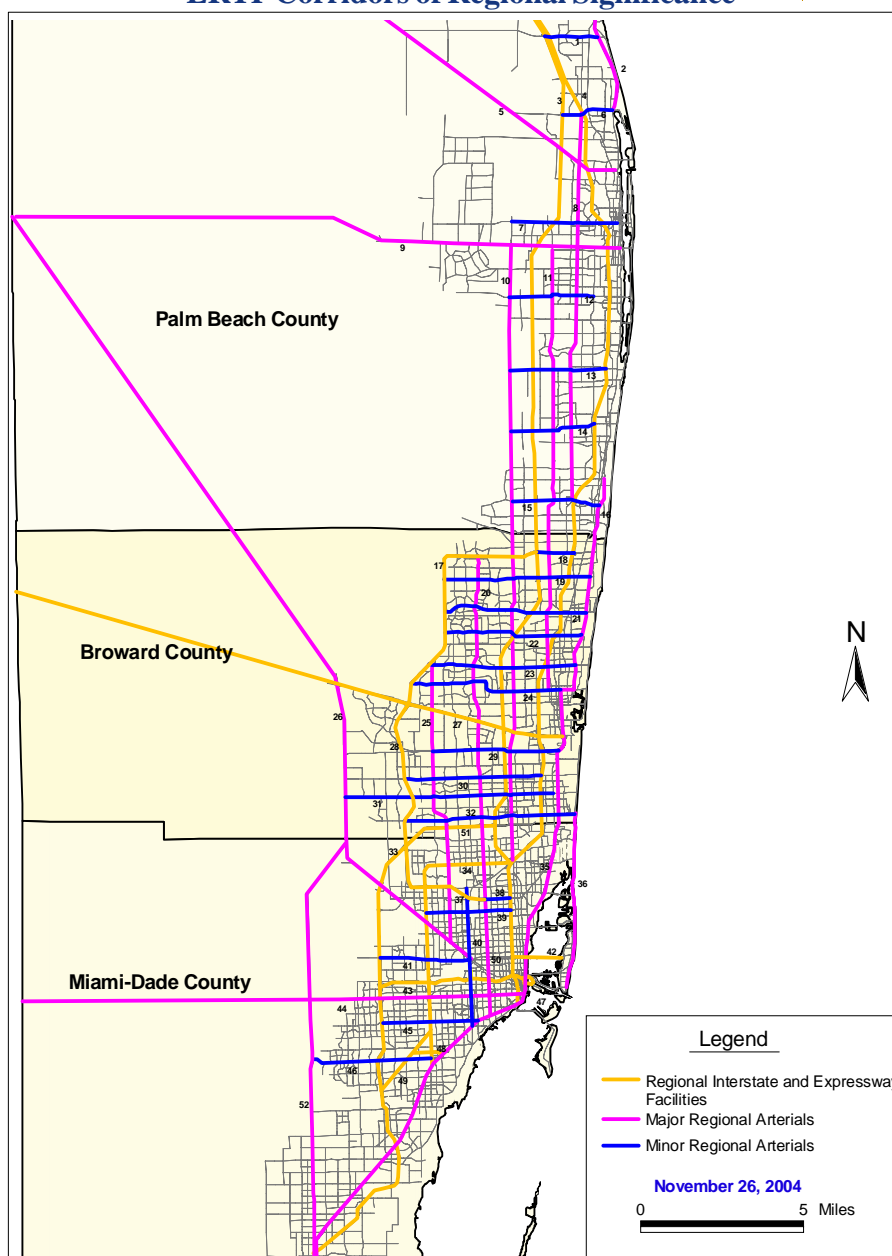
The 2000 Census revealed that Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties have all grown significantly. The projected total population increase for the tri-county area is expected to grow from 4.93 million in 2000 to 7.33 million in 2030 representing a 49% increase. As a result, the three MPOs implemented a coordinated planning process resulting in, but not limited to, the following:

- ♦ a regional planning approach covering the combined metropolitan areas that will serve as the basis for each MPO's Transportation Improvement Program;
- ♦ a coordinated project prioritization and selection process;
- ♦ a coordinated regional public involvement process; and
- ♦ a Regional Transportation Planning Committee (RTPC).

The RTPC was established in early 2004 and defined corridors of regional significance as: facilities that cross County lines and connect to Florida's Strategic Intermodal Transportation System (SIS) and facilities identified as SIS corridors or connectors. Regional facilities included roadways, railroads, and SIS connectors.

The RTPC also developed regional 2030 LRTP goals that will: improve transportation systems; support economic vitality; enhance social benefits; and mitigate environmental impacts.

Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties LRTP Corridors of Regional Significance



Public Outreach Activities

Public outreach efforts were kicked off in April 2004 with a multilingual promotional brochure that was distributed to over 1,000 organizations.

Direct communication techniques were used to maintain a proactive public outreach program that notified the public about the Plan, informed them about the current status and future activities, and solicited public input during the study. In addition, the MPO's

website featured a section on the development of the Plan.

The MPO produced TV and radio spots on various stations to provide transportation information to all communities within the County.

Finally, a series of community workshops were hosted by the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee to solicit public input. Brochures were also developed at the project start, prior to the public workshops, and after the adoption of the plan.



MPO reaches out to community

Get Involved

Send us your ideas on transportation!

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Calendar of Events

All meetings are held at the Stephen P. Clark Center,
111 NW First Street unless otherwise noted.

	Apr. 05	May 05	Jun. 05
MPO:	21 st	19 th	23 rd
TPC:	11 th	9 th	6 th
TPTAC:	6 th	4 th	1 st
CTAC:	27 th	25 th	22 nd
TARC:	6 th	4 th	8 th
BPAC*:	27 th	25 th	22 nd
FTAC:	TBA	TBA	TBA

* South Miami Commission Chambers
Contact the MPO for room numbers: (305) 375-4507

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